

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An image recording and reproducing apparatus for recording and reproducing a multiple picture signal obtained by multiplexing picture signals from a plurality of cameras via 5 a frame switcher, the image recording and reproducing apparatus performing high-accuracy fast-forwarding of a prerecorded image from a specific camera and allowing easy retrieval of a target image. The image recording and reproducing apparatus has a skip reproduction feature for alternating skipping of  $n$  frames and 10 continuous reproduction of  $m$  frames.  $m$  is set to a number related to the frame switching pattern. In case  $n=4$  and  $m=3$ , four frames are skipped after reproduction of Frame A1. Then Frames C6, A7, B8 are continuously reproduced. Thus, the images displayed on the monitor are A1, A7, and A13.

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